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S. 2259

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Graduate Medical Edu-
5 cation Technical Amendments of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AD-**
7 **JUSTMENT.**

8 Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(v)) (as added by section

1 4621(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended
 2 by striking “in the hospital with respect to the hospital’s
 3 most recent cost reporting period ending on or before De-
 4 cember 31, 1996” and inserting “who were appointed by
 5 the hospital’s approved medical residency training pro-
 6 grams for the hospital’s most recent cost reporting period
 7 ending on or before December 31, 1996. The preceding
 8 sentence shall not apply to a hospital that sponsors only
 9 1 allopathic or osteopathic residency program.”.

10 **SEC. 3. DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ADJUST-**
 11 **MENT.**

12 (a) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RESIDENTS.—Sec-
 13 tion 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 14 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) (as added by section 4623 of the Bal-
 15 anced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by inserting “who
 16 were appointed by the hospital’s approved medical resi-
 17 dency training programs” after “may not exceed the num-
 18 ber of such full-time equivalent residents”.

19 (b) FUNDING FOR NEW PROGRAMS.—The first sen-
 20 tence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i) of the Social Security
 21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section
 22 4623 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended
 23 by inserting “and before September 30, 1999” after “Jan-
 24 uary 1, 1995”.

1 (c) FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS MEETING RURAL
2 NEEDS.—The second sentence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i)
3 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section 4623 of the
5 Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by striking the
6 period at the end and inserting “, including facilities that
7 are not located in an underserved rural area but have es-
8 tablished separately accredited rural training tracks.”.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
11 as if included in the enactment of the Balanced Budget
12 Act of 1997.

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